

Mayor Schaumburg called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Flag Salute.

Roll Call: Present – De Cleene, Insel, Pender, Mayor Schaumburg
Absent - Harrison, Ragozine, Shea

STATEMENT OF ADEQUATE NOTICE:

Mayor Schaumburg read the following statement: “Adequate notice of this meeting has been provided, indicating the time and place of the meeting and the proposed agenda, which notice was posted, made available to newspapers, and filed with the Clerk of the Town of Clinton in accordance with Section 3(d) of Chapter 231 of the Public Laws of 1975.”

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. De Cleene, seconded by Mr. Pender, to approve the minutes of February 27, 2007 as submitted.

Vote all ayes
1 Abstention (Insel)
Motion carried

A motion was made by Mrs. Insel, seconded by Mr. De Cleene, to approve the minutes of the Budget Meeting, February 8, 2007.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

APPROVAL OF MONTHLY REPORTS

A motion was made by Mr. De Cleene, seconded by Mr. Pender, to accept the monthly reports for the month of February as submitted:

Assessor’s Report, Administrator’s Report, Clerk’s Account, Cat & Dog Licensing Accounts, Construction Control Account Fire Official Report, Police Report, Sewer Collector’s Report, Water Collector’s Report, Treasurer’s Report, Wastewater Treatment Plant Superintendent’s Report, Zoning Officer/Construction Official Report.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

PUBLIC COMMENT

Whitney Wetherill, 36 West Main Street, addressed a question to Mr. Cushing to explain the differences between committees and commissions? Mr. Cushing stated that commissions are regulated by state statutes. Commissions are subject to Open Public Meetings Act which would allow the public to attend. Commissions are allowed to spend money. Committees are created under general municipal powers law.

Ms. Wetherill also requested that the Sign Committee not schedule their meetings simultaneously with Council meetings. Mayor Schaumburg understood and asked that the request be taken into consideration by the Committee.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

1. Recycling figures for February are down \$3,291.33 from last February. The savings have been amazing. Mayor Schaumburg thanked Mr. Cutter once again for his efforts in instituting the program.
2. Town of Clinton adopted an ordinance permitting the bidding process to take place on a new hotel liquor license. In order to determine a fair minimum bid amount, Mayor Schaumburg is seeking the services of an appraiser.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENTS

A motion was made by Mrs. Insel, seconded by Mr. Pender, to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign the Professional Agreement for Water Consultant, Andrew S. Holt, P.E. of the Firm of Suburban Consulting Engineers, Inc. for the calendar year 2007.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

A motion was made by Mr. De Cleene, seconded by Mr. Pender, to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign the Professional Agreement for Edward McManimon, Bond Counsel, of the Firm of McManimon and Scotland, L.L.C. for the calendar year 2007.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

SPECIAL EVENT – RUBBER DUCKY RACE

Council is in receipt of a Special Event application from the Clinton Sunrise Rotary to hold the Annual Rubber Ducky Race on Sunday July 15, 2007 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. A motion was made by Mr. Pender, seconded by Mrs. Insel to approve the request as submitted.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

SPECIAL EVENT – SPRINTIN' CLINTON

Council is in receipt of a Special Event application from the Clinton Sunrise Rotary to hold Sprintin' Clinton on July 15, 2007 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. A motion was made by Mr. Pender, seconded by Mr. De Cleene to approve the request as submitted.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

BANNER REQUEST – RUBBER DUCKY RACE

Clinton Sunrise Rotary submitted a banner request for June 24 through July 16, 2007 displaying the Rubber Ducky Race. A motion was made by Mr. Pender, seconded by Mr. De Cleene, to grant the request as submitted.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

SPECIAL EVENT – PALM SUNDAY PARADE

Council is in receipt of a Special Event application from Clinton United Methodist Church to hold a Palm Sunday Parade on Sunday, April 1, 2007 from 9:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. The children will walk through the Town carrying palm branches and singing songs. They will leave the Methodist Church and proceed on Halstead Street onto Leigh Street, right on Lower Center Street, cross the Pony Truss Bridge, turn back, down Main Street, left on Leigh Street and return to the Church. Chief Matheis said the Patrolman on duty that morning will be able to control traffic for the participants. A motion was made by Mr. Pender, seconded by Mr. De Cleene to approve the request.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

RAFFLE LICENSE – NEWCOMERS CLUB OF NORTH HUNTERDON

The Newcomers Club of North Hunterdon County have filed a Raffle License application for April 21, 2007 to be held at the Clinton First Aid & Rescue Squad. A motion was made by Mrs. Insel, seconded by Mr. De Cleene, to approve the request as submitted.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

RESOLUTION #55-07 – BID AWARD SLC PUMP CONTROLLER REPLACEMENT

A motion was made by Mrs. Insel seconded by Mr. De Cleene, to adopt Resolution #55-07 as requested.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

(A copy of this Resolution is attached to these minutes)

RESOLUTION #56-07 – LOSAP

A motion was made by Mr. Pender, seconded by Mr. De Cleene, to adopt Resolution #56-07 as submitted.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE 07-04 – AMENDMENT TO FEE SCHEDULE

A motion was made by Mrs. Insel, seconded by Mr. Pender, to adopt Ordinance #07-04 on first reading as submitted:

ORDINANCE #07-04
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF CLINTON,
CHAPTER 73 – FEE SCHEDULE
SUMMER RECREATION FEE

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

A copy of this Ordinance will be published in the Hunterdon Review on March 21, 2007 and a public hearing will be held on April 10, 2007.

(A copy of this Ordinance is attached to these minutes)

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE 07-05 – ESTABLISH A CAP BANK

A motion was made by Mr. De Cleene, seconded by Mr. Pender, to adopt Ordinance #07-05 on first reading as submitted:

ORDINANCE #07-05
AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK FOR THE TOWN OF CLINTON,
FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2007

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

A copy of this Ordinance will be published in the Hunterdon Review on March 21, 2007 and a public hearing will be held on April 10, 2007.

(A copy of this Ordinance is attached to these minutes)

INTRODUCTION OF 2007 BUDGET

Mayor Schaumburg presented the 2007 Budget and briefly a few items. State Aid increased and the Town of Clinton received \$4,573.00. The levy remains flat even though pensions, health and liability insurance increased. There will be no cuts in services, the Town will complete 47 Leigh Street, purchase a new backhoe for the Road Department, purchase a new police car and a new Hybrid truck for the administrator, replacing the 2002 Suburban. The recycling program has been expanded and has produced large savings already.

A motion to introduce the 2007 Budget as presented was made by Mr. De Cleene, seconded by Mrs. Insel.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: De Cleene, Insel, Pender, Mayor Schaumburg

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

A summary of the 2007 Budget will be published in the Hunterdon Review on March 21, 2007 and a second reading will be held April 10, 2007.

Whitney Wetherill, West Main Street asked if there was any change to the surplus? Mayor Schaumburg stated that a smaller percentage of the surplus was being used and already received back. CFO, Kathy Olsen, explained that the Town generated back \$640,000 in surplus and the Town used \$600,000.00 the same as 2006.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Mayor Schaumburg is in receipt of a letter from Peter Joseph to the Sign Committee.
2. State Aid increase \$4,573.00
3. Lisa Jackson, Commissioner of the State of New Jersey, Department of Environmental Protection, advised the Town of Clinton that the fiscal year 2007 allocation will be approximately \$4,000.00 under the Clean Communities Program.
4. South Branch Watershed Clean Up will be held Saturday, April 21, 2007. A request was made by the Watershed for \$300.00 to assist in the cost. A motion was made by Mrs. Insel, seconded by Mr. De Cleene, to grant the request for \$300.00.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL & TOWN OFFICIALS

Councilwoman Insel

1. Smart Growth Committee has not met this month, the group is waiting on a date to discuss the charrette process with consultants. If the group does not get a date, the Committee will meet on their next regularly scheduled meeting, the second Thursday of the month, April 12.
2. Historic Commission, next meeting March 21, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. Commission will be making decisions on paint for 47 Leigh Street. Commission is very pleased with the progress of the building.

Robert A. Cutter, PW/Business Administrator

1. 47 Leigh Street – Mr. Cutter reported on the progress and anticipates completion in approximately 6 weeks.
2. Spring Leaf Clean-Up scheduled for the last week of March and the first week of April.
3. Clinton Mills Dam/Dike Project – Civil Dynamics has completed the Hydrologic and Hydraulic Analysis. Recommendations will be forthcoming.

Police Chief Matheis

1. Congratulations for Officer Cohen for a great DARE program this year at Clinton Public School. Officers Crilly and McGuire were additionally helpful.
2. Officers Kubinak and McGuire headed a drill at Clinton Public School that went extremely well. 30 officers from Clinton Township, Lebanon Township and the Prosecutors office were also on hand.

RESOLUTION #57-07 – TRANSFER OF FUNDS

A motion was made by Mrs. Insel, seconded by Mr. De Cleene, to adopt Resolution #57-07 as submitted.

ROLL CALL: De Cleene, Insel, Pender, Mayor Schaumburg

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

APPROVAL OF OVERTIME & STANDBY PAY:

No Overtime and Standby Pay at this meeting.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

A motion was made by Mr. De Cleene, seconded by Mr. Pender, to approve the voucher list attached to these minutes.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: De Cleene, Insel, Pender, Mayor Schaumburg

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

EXECUTIVE SESSION – RESOLUTION #58-07

A motion was made by Mr. De Cleene, seconded by Mr. Pender, to enter into executive session to discuss Potential Litigation at 7:55 p.m.

A motion was made by Mr. Pender, seconded by Mrs. Insel, to return to the regular meeting to adjourn.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Pender seconded by Mrs. Insel to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 p.m.

Vote all ayes
Motion carried

Cecilia Covino, RMC/CMC
Town Clerk

APPROVED BY MAYOR & COUNCIL

Christine Schaumburg, Mayor